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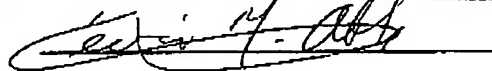
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Attached is an Amendment to the 11/30/2006 Restriction Election.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/750,384
Applicant : Dana C. Bookbinder, et al.
Filed : December 30, 2003
Title : Method of Making an Optical Fiber Preform

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In the Office Action dated November 30, 2006, in the above-captioned application, the Examiner issued an Election Requirement identifying the following potentially patentably distinct species:

- Species A – wherein the rod is retained in the tube; and
- Species B – wherein the rod is removed from the tube

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.